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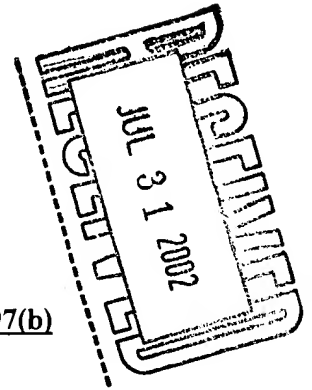
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449, which the Examiner may deem relevant to the patentability of the above-identified application. One copy of each of the listed documents is submitted herewith.

The documents listed were cited in a PCT International Search Report dated June 7, 2002, a copy of which is enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. This information disclosure statement is being filed within one of the following time periods: within three months of the filing date of this application other than a continued prosecution application, or within three months of the date of entry into the national stage of this international application, or before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office action after the filing of a request for continued examination under § 1.114, and also within three months of the date of a search report from a foreign patent office. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is required.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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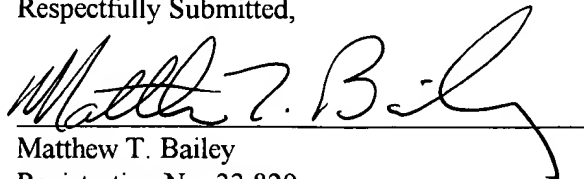
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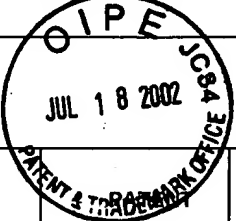
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		Cramp, R, et al.; On Operational Availability of a Large Software-Based Telecommunications System; Software Reliability Engineering; 1992 Proc. 3 rd Int'l Symposium on Research Triangle Park, NC; 1992; Pg. 358-366					
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